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SUBJECT: OCTOBER 4 PRESS SUMMARY

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1. HOUSE-SENATE CONFEREES REACH TENTATIVE AGREEMENT ON WAR POWERS BILL FORBIDDING PRESIDENT TO WAGE UNDECLARED WAR BEYOND 60 DAYS WITHOUT CONGRESSIONAL CONSENT (WP).

2. GVN FORCES REPORT KILLING 80 COMMUNISTS OCT. 3 IN BIGGEST MEKONG DELTA BATTLE SINCE CEASEFIRE, BUT COUNTRYWIDE COMMUNIST VIOLATIONS DROP 1/3 IN LAST 24 HOURS. GVN CALLS VC WALKOUT ON WEEKLY POLITICAL TALKS "SABOTAGE. . . HAND IN HAND WITH MILITARY ESCALATION ON THE GROUND" (REUTER).

3. GKR LAUNCHES NEW CONSCRIPTION DRIVE TO BOLSTER ARMY FACING NEW PRESSURE ON THREE SIDES OF PP, ESPECIALLY SOUTH, WHERE GKR ARMORED ATTACK REPULSED; NOOSE TIGHTENS SLOWLY (REUTER, NYDN, PHINQ, CHITRIB, NYT).

4. AIR AMERICA OUT OF BUSINESS IN LAOS; ALL LAOS-BASED A.A. AIRCRAFT MOVED TO THAILAND (CHITRIB).

PRESIDENTIAL PRESS CONFERENCE

5. WIDE COVERAGE GIVEN PRESIDENT'S PRESS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT AS PART OF SINO-US "CONTINUING DIALOGUE" SEC. KISSINGER WILL VISIT PEKING OCT. 26 - 29, WITH STOP IN JAPAN. DOS' MCCLOSKEY LATER ADDED THAT HAK WILL STOP IN JAPAN BEFORE CHINA TRIP IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSED NIXON EUROPEAN JOURNEY, AND WILL VISIT JAPAN ON RETURN HOMEWARD TO BRIEF ON PEKING TRIP. PRES. SAID HIS OWN JAPAN TRIP WILL COME BEFORE END OF NEXT YEAR; ADDED THAT IN CHINA, HAK WILL DISCUSS SUCH SUBJECTS AS TRADE (NYT'S GWERTZMAN; SUN'S KUMPA; WP'S KILPATRICK; NYDN'S HEALY/WIEGHART; CSM'S SAIKOWSKI; CHITRIB'S STARR; NYDN'S CARTER; UNCLASSIFIED

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PHINQ). PRES. ADDED THAT ONE OF DIFFICULTIES IN DRAFTING NEW ATLANTIC ALLIANCE DECLARATION WAS MAKING IT FIT JAPAN, AS WELL, AND SAID NECESSARY TO BREATHE NEW LIFE INTO ALLIANCE AT TIME OF NEGOTS WITH USSR AND PRC.

6. GWERTZMAN REPORTS DOS OFFICIALS SAYING HAK WANTS DISCUSS WITH CHINESE LEADERS WAYS OF MOVING RELATIONS FROM CURRENT "PLATEAU" IN WHICH CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES HAVE TAKEN PLACE AND TRADE HAS BOOMED, "BUT IN WHICH GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT RELATIONS HAVE LAGGED, IN PART BECAUSE OF" CONTINUING US RECOGNITION OF GRC. STARR AND CARTER NOTE PRES. ALSO DISCLOSED THAT HAK, "WHO PREVIOUSLY WAS KNOWN FOR HIGHLY SECRET VOYAGES ABROAD, WILL NOW TAKE 12 TO 15 NEWS REPORTERS" ON

TRIP TO CHINA.

CHINA

7. HAK GAVE DINNER WEDNESDAY NIGHT FOR SENIOR CHINESE OFFICIALS ATTENDING UN SESSION. VICE FM CHIAO WAS PRINCIPAL GUEST AT HAK'S 35TH-FLOOR WALDORF TOWERS SUITE, ACCOMPANIED BY HUANG HUA AND CHANG HAN-CHIH (WP). CARTER SUGGESTS THAT "SMALL WORKING DINNER" DISCUSSED TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR HAK'S TALKS WITH CHOU AND TOP PRC OFFICIALS.

8. ABC'S IAN DUNBAR, FROM HK, QUOTES "MOST RELIABLE SOURCES IN PEKING" AS SAYING USLO EXPECTS TO BE MANNING OFFICIAL US EMBASSY IN PEKING WITHIN YEAR. DUNBAR SAYS HIS HK COMMUNIST SOURCES CONFIRM THAT PRELIMINARY CONSULTATIONS ON RECOGNITION QUESTION HAVE ALREADY BEEN HELD THROUGH "AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC MISSION" IN PEKING. ABC SAYS REPORT QUOTED SOURCES AS SAYING

PROBLEM OF US BREAK WITH GRC WILL DOMINATE HAK'S TALKS WITH PRC LEADERS (AP).

9. IN RADIO PEKING BROADCAST, PRC DISMISSES AS "CHEAP PROPAGANDA" SOVIET'S PROPOSAL THAT 5 PERMANENT UNSC UNCLASSIFIED

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MEMBERS CUT DEFENSE SPENDING BY 10 PERCENT AND USE SOME OF SAVINGS TO AID DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. BROADCAST SAYS IDEA DECEPTIVE BECAUSE NO WAY OF DETERMINING HOW MUCH SOVIETS ACTUALLY SPENDING ON ARMAMENTS. BROADCAST CHARGES USSR, IN "FRANTIC ARMAMENT EXPANSION AND WAR PREPARATION," HAS 40 TIMES MORE ICBMS THAN IN 1960, SOVIET NAVAL TONNAGE HAS DOUBLED IN DECADE TO 3 MILLION TONS, AND MOSCOW'S MILITARY BUDGET NOW 27.2 BILLION DOLLARS -- 90 PERCENT RISE OVER 1958. ADDS THAT TSARIST RUSSIA AND SOVIET OF KHRUSHCHEV'S DAY MADE PROPOSALS SIMILAR TO LATEST KREMLIN SUGGESTION (REUTER).

10. BULGARIA OLYMPIC CONGRESS SHAKEN BY POLITICS AS JAPANESE DELGATE URGES PRC BE BROUGHT INTO OLYMPICS AND GRC EXCLUDED. GRC DELEGATE DENOUNCES PROPOSAL AS "PURELY POLITICAL" AND "UN-OLYMPIC" (AP, WP).

JAPAN

11. FORNMINISTRY ANNOUNCES HAK WILL VISIT JAPAN LATER THIS MONTH EN ROUTE TO AND FROM PRC AT INVITATION OF OHIRA; DATES: OCT. 24, 25 AND OCT. 30 (REUTER).

12. ANNOUNCEMENT MADE IN TOKYO WEDNESDAY THAT GOJ

IS GRANTING SVN 1.9-MILLION DOLLARS IN HUMANITARIAN AID FOR POSTWAR RECONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION, AS PART OF 3.8 MILLION DOLLARS EARMARKED FOR AID TO ALL INDOCHINA. REMAINDER GOING TO NVN, LAOS AND CAMBODIA THROUGH ICRC, ANNOUNCEMENT SAYS (AFP, WP).

13. NYT'S SHUSTER, IN LONDON, REPORTS TANAKA DEPARTURE AFTER "ESSENTIALLY LOW-KEY" VISIT. PREMIER INVITED QUEEN TO VISIT JAPAN IN 1975, PLAYED GOLF AS HEATH LOOKED ON, GAVE NEWS CONFERENCE AND LEFT BRITISH SOME PROPOSALS, ONE INVOLVING JAPANESE PARTICIPATION IN DEVELOPING BRITAIN'S NORTH SEA OIL DEPOSITS.

14. WP DISPATCH REPORTS TANAKA ARRIVAL IN BONN FOR 4-DAY VISIT. REUTER SAYS TALKS EXPECTED TO CENTER ON ECON, MONETARY AND TRADE PROBLEMS, WITH BOTH COUNTRIES UNCLASSIFIED

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PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN WAYS TO FUEL THEIR BOOMING INDUSTRIES IN FUTURE.

15. JAPANESE RIOT POLICE GIRD FOR MAJOR LEFTWING DEMONSTRATIONS AT YOKOSUKA FRIDAY WHEN US AIRCRAFT CARRIER MIDWAY ARRIVES FOR HOMEPORTING. ABOUT 1,000 MIDWAY CREW-MEMBER FAMILIES EXPECTED MOVING TO YOKOSUKA; THOSE ALREADY THERE REPORT TROUBLE FINDING HOUSING (REUTER).

16. JAL SAYS IT HAS CONCLUDED CONTRACT TO PURCHASE 2 BOEING 747S; CONTRACT WORTH 16.92 MILLION (AP, CSM).

17. REISCHAUER TOLD CHICAGO PRESS CONFERENCE WEDNESDAY THAT JAPAN WILL SLASH TRADE IMBALANCE WITH US THIS YEAR, PERHAPS IN HALF. SAID JAPANESE REALIZE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF LARGE TRADE SURPLUS, BUT TO THEIR BENEFIT TO STRENGTHEN RELATIONS WITH US -- EVEN IF IT MEANS SACRIFICE; FEELS, IN ANY EVENT, JAPANESE ECONOMY TOO STRONG TO BE HURT BY CUTBACK. IN CITY TO ADDRESS ELECTRICAL-ELECTRONICS INSULATION CONFERENCE, EX-ENVOY SAID JAPAN IS MOST IMPORTANT US TRANSOCEANIC TRADE PARTNER, BUT BECAUSE OF CULTURAL BARRIERS AND DISTANCE IS WEAKEST LINK IN ATTEMPT TO BUILD COMMUNITY OF NATIONS INVOLVING EUROPE, US AND JAPAN. ADDED THAT TRADE WITH PRC THROUGH THIS DECADE WILL BE "FAIRLY TRIVIAL"; CHINA HAS CONCENTRATED ON DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS WITHIN ITS BORDERS AND ON POLITICAL CONTROL, NOT ON TRADE GROWTH, AND PRODUCES LITTLE US WOULD BUY (CHITRIB'S NAGELBERG).

18. JOC'S CULLISON, IN TOKYO, SAYS JAPANESE SHIPBUILDERS ARE REPORTEDLY FEARFUL OF DIFFICULTIES IN LEADING

WORLD IN CONSTRUCTION OF EXPORT VESSELS IN FUTURE.
PROBLEM HAS DEVELOPED AS RESULT OF NATION'S STEEL
MILLS HAVING NOTIFIED BUILDERS THAT FROM NOW ON THEY
WILL BE REQUIRED PAY FULL PRICE WHEN ORDERING STEEL
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KOREA

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19. PARK REITERATES HIS APPROVAL OF NK'S UN ENTRY
AND RENEWS HIS APPEAL TO NK FOR RETURN TO SUSPENDED
DETENTE TALKS. IN STATE-OF-THE-NATION MESSAGE TO
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, PARK SAYS UNC FOR PRESENT SHOULD
REMAIN IN SK TO KEEP PEACE AND US-SK JOINT DEFENSE
STRUCTURE SHOULD BE MAINTAINED AND DEVELOPED ON BASIS
OF 1953 DEFENSE TREATY (REUTER).

PHILIPPINES

20. GOP AUTHORIZES ESTABLISHMENT OF 3 MORE PHILIPPINE
HOUSES IN US AND CANADA TO PROMOTE COUNTRY'S EXPORTS
AND TOURISM INDUSTRY (AFP, WP).

THAILAND

21. SUN'S CORDDRY SAYS DOD HAS DECIDED TO HALT WITHDRAWAL
OF US MILITARY UNITS FROM THAILAND AND OTHER SITES
UNTIL IT SEES WHAT DECISIONS CONGRESS FINALLY WILL
TAKE ON OVERSEAS TROOP REDUCTION, ACCORDING TO "INFORMED
OFFICIALS." SAYS CURRENT HALT "IS ESPECIALLY EVIDENT"
IN CASE OF THAILAND WHERE THERE HAVE BEEN NO WITHDRAWALS
SINCE FIRST INCREMENT ANNOUNCED AT END OF AUGUST.
NOTES ALSO ONLY SLIGHTEST REDUCTION IN US MILITARY
ON TAIWAN.
COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

22. CSM'S DAVID WINDER CHARACTERIZES CHIAO KUAN-HUA'S
UN SPEECH AS EMPHASIZING BEYOND SHADOW OF DOUBT THAT
PRC'S PRIME OBSESSION IS USSR, WITH COLLUSION BETWEEN
TWO SUPERPOWERS A SECONDARY FEAR. SAYS CHIAO NAILED 10
POLITICAL POINTS ON THE UN DOOR, AND IN NO FEWER THAN
EIGHT SOVIETS GOT A LASHING. CITES EUROPEAN DIPLOMAT
AS SAYING THAT SPEECH WAS "VERY MUCH AN ORIENTAL VIEW
OF DETENTE," SHOWING HOW THE TWO COMMUNIST GUARDS
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"LOOK AT THE SAME WORLD FROM DIFFERENT ENDS OF THE
POLITICAL TELESCOPE." "WOLVES CANNOT BE LAMBS; WE ARE

THE LAMBS" IS HOW ONE ARAB DIPLOMAT VIEWS CHINESE INTERPRETATION OF USSR MOVES AT DETENTE. WINDER COMMENTS THAT SPEECH DRAMATIZES CHINA'S FEARS THAT EUROPE IS BEING LULLED INTO FALSE SENSE OF SECURITY WHICH COULD DIVERT RUSSIAN TROOPS FROM EUROPE TO CHINESE BORDER. THINKS CONCERN EXPRESSED IN SPEECH ABOUT USSR ATTEMPTS AT COLLECTIVE ASIAN SECURITY WHICH COULD TRAP CHINA INTO ISOLATION WAS PARTICULARLY PUNGENT.

23. EVANS AND NOVAK (WP) REFER TO "QUICKLY SPREADING REPORT FROM LONDON THAT 'SAVAGES' HAVE TAKEN OVER SOVIET HIGH COMMAND IN A FUNDAMENTAL SHIFT, THREATENING A PREEMPTIVE NUCLEAR STRIKE" AGAINST PRC. THEY SAY REPORT IS NOT ONLY UNSUBSTANTIATED BY KNOWN FACTS BUT IS TOTALLY DENIED BY USG EXPERTS. TO THESE CLOSE STUDENTS OF KREMLIN, RECENT CHANGES IN MILITARY HIERARCHY SEEM ROUTINE RATHER THAN EXOTIC, MODEST IN NUMBER, WITHOUT DISCERNIBLE SIGNIFICANCE. CITES COMPUTERIZED STUDY BY GOVERNMENT EXPERTS AS PLACING POSSIBILITY OF ATTACK AT ONLY SIX PERCENT - ABOUT ONE CHANCE IN SEVENTEEN. ATTRIBUTE TO SOVIET MILITARY THE BELIEF THAT OPTIMUM TIME FOR PREEMPTIVE STRIKE HAS PASSED. THINK REAL EXPLANATION FOR SPECULATION ABOUT PREEMPTIVE ATTACK IS INCESSANT WARNINGS FROM PRC WHICH ARE EMBRACED BY WESTERN CRITICS OF DETENTE WHO JUSTIFIABLY FEAR US DISARMAMENT CONCESSIONS WHILE THE KREMLIN CONTINUES ARMS BUILDUP.

24. ED NEILAN OF COPLEY NEWS SERVICE (SAN DIEGO UNION, SEPT. 26) GIVES BRIEF JOB DESCRIPTION OF USLO CHIEF AND SUBORDINATE FSOS. REMARKS THAT USLO STAFF WAS "HANDPICKED" BY HAK BEFORE HE WAS NAMED SECSTATE AND IS TEAM OF WHICH AMERICANS CAN BE PROUD. SAYS USLO PEKING IS MOST SOUGHT-AFTER ASSIGNMENT AMONG CAREER OFFICERS, AND MANY "WELL-QUALIFIED REPLACEMENTS" IN DEPARTMENT CHAMPING AT THE BIT TO GET THERE.

25. WP'S OBERDORFER IN SEOUL SEES DEVELOPMENTS
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SURROUNDING KIM DAE JUNG CASE EVENTUALLY FORCING PARK TO MAKE BIG DECISIONS ABOUT KCIA AND ITS DIRECTOR, LEE HU RAK, AS WELL AS KIM. NOTES JAPANESE DISCLOSURES OF ROK EMBASSY INVOLVEMENT IN KIDNAPPING, NK INSISTENCE THAT LEE BE REPLACED AS SENIOR SK NEGOTIATOR IN N-S DIALOGUE, AND DISTASTE EXPRESSED BY SK INTELLECTUALS AND EVEN THOSE IN GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP CIRCLES OVER KIM ABDUCTION.

26. CSM'S POND IN TOKYO CITES OPINION OF OBSERVERS IN TOKYO THAT THE LONGER KIM CASE DRAGS OUT, THE MORE LIKELY ROK WILL GET ITS WAY - WITH LOSS OF FACE TO JAPANESE.

HOWEVER, THIS OPINION STRONGLY CONTESTED BY SOME JAPANESE DIPLOMAS. ROK, WHICH IS KEEPING KIM UNDER HOUSE ARREST IN SEOUL, WANTS TO PUT HIM IN PRISON, OR WORSE; GOJ WANTS KIM RETURNED TO JAPAN TO HELP ITS POLICE INVESTIGATE THE ABDUCTION - AND, IMPLICITLY, TO BE FREED FROM DETENTION. OBSERVERS WHO BELIEVE THAT JAPAN WILL LOSE PROTRACTED TEST OF WILL OVER KIM CASE ARGUE THAT CASE IS ONLY MINOR IRRITANT TO GOJ, WHOSE ONLY CONCERN IS HONOR. BUT ROK'S CONCERN IS MUCH MORE VITAL ONE OF POWER, AND FEAR THAT A POLITICAL STRUCTURE SO DEPENDENT ON SECRET POLICE WOULD BE HURT IF KCIA HAD TO ADMIT ABDUCTION ROLE. ACCORDING THIS VIEW, TOKYO IS ALREADY PLAYING KOREANS' GAME WITH CURRENT STRESS ON ALLEGING THAT AN ROK DIPLOMAT WAS ONE OF THE ABDUCTORS. KOREANS MIGHT SUDDENLY SATISFY GOJ - WHILE NOT YIELDING ON KIM - BY DECLARING DIPLOMAT GUILTY, IMPOSE JAIL SENTENCE, THEN QUIETLY RELEASING AND PROMOTING HIM A FEW MONTHS LATER. GOJ SOURCES CONTESTING THIS VIEW SAY JAPAN'S RESOLVE TO SEE CREDIBLE SOLUTION TO KIM CASE HAS NOT DIMINISHED. THEY SAY TOKYO IS WILLING TO GIVE SEOUL MORE TIME - BUT NOT JUST TO SAVE KOREA'S FACE WITHOUT SAVING JAPAN'S. POND OBSERVES INTERNAL PRESSURES AT WORK WITHIN KOREA THAT COULD HELP MODERATE SEOUL'S INTRANSIGENCE OVER LONG HAUL.

27. WSJ'S PEARLSTINE IN YOKOSUKA SEES HOME-PORTING OF USS MIDWAY IN THAT CITY BRINGING HOST OF WOES IN US-JAPAN RELATIONS. NOTES THAT DEMONSTRATIONS ARE BEING ORGANIZED TO PROTEST MIDWAY'S ARRIVAL. CITES LEADER OF UNCLASSIFIED

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PROTEST GROUP AS SAYING THAT PLANNED DEMONSTRATIONS "COULD BE THE BEGINNING OF A NEW WAVE" OF PROTESTS AGAINST US FORCES. OTHER ORGANIZERS SAY PROTESTS MAY BE THE LARGEST STAGED AGAINST US FORCES IN JAPAN IN AT LEAST FIVE YEARS.

28. CSM'S FRANCIS AND POND DESCRIBES (AT SOME LENGTH) EXPORT COMPETITION BETWEEN GERMANY AND JAPAN.

29. RAUL MANG LAPUS, FORMER GOP FOREIGN SECRETARY AND NOW VISITING PROF. AT CORNELL, CONTENDS THAT CONTRARY TO WHAT MARCOS SAYS, DEMOCRACY IN PHIL WAS BEGINNING TO WORK BEFORE "DICTATORSHIP" IMPOSED. ASSERTS MARCOS DICTATORSHIP WOULD LIKE TO MAKE ITSELF MORE VIABLE BY APPEALING FOR MORE MILITARY AND ECON AID, REMINDING AMERICA OF HER COMMITMENT TO PHIL "DEMOCRACY," AND FOR MORE US INVESTMENT SO THAT AMERICAN BUSINESS MAY ASSIST IN GIVING ECON SUBSTANCE TO THAT "DEMOCRACY." SUGGESTS IT MAY BE WELL FOR US POLICY-MAKERS AND BUSINESSMEN TO PONDER INSTABILITY MARCOS HAS INTRODUCED INTO PHIL GOVERNMENT, MAINTAINING THAT IF BY ACCIDENT OR INTENT,

MARCOS SHOULD GO, CHAOS WOULD ENSUE -- TYPE OF CHAOS WHICH HISTORICALLY HAS BEEN FAVORITE SETTING FOR SEIZURE OF POWER BY SMALL BUT WELL-ORGANIZED EXTREMIST GROUPS. WHEN THAT HAPPENS, WILL AMERICA WITH HER HUGE MILITARY AND ECON PRESENCE THERE, BE SUCKED INTO ANOTHER CONFLICT LIKE VN, ANOTHER WAR TO SAVE DEMOCRACY FOR FILIPINOS, WHEN--AS IN VN--PERHAPS FILIPINOS MIGHT HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGED TO SAVE IT FOR THEMSELVES? MANGLAPUS EXPRESSES VIEW THAT US CONSCIENCE CAN RESPOND EFFECTIVELY TO THIS CHALLENGE BY APPROVING SFRC RECOMMENDATION THAT ECON AND MILITARY AID BE WITHHELD FROM COUNTRIES WHICH IMPRISON OR PERSECUTE POLITICAL OPPOSITION. ALSO SAYS IT CAN MOVE TO HAVE AMERICA STAND ASIDE, NEUTRALLY IF APPROVINGLY, SHOULD AFP AND FILIPINOS MOVE TO RESTORE THEIR COUNTRY TO DEMOCRACY (NYT).

30. SCHANBERG (NYT) FROM PP PAINTS PICTURE OF "CASUAL" KHMER DEFENSE EFFORTS. SAYS INSURGENT PUSHES ARE LESS UNCLASSIFIED

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VIGOROUS THAN THEY HAVE BEEN, THREAT TO PP "NOT SERIOUS"; EXPECTS NEW INSURGENT ASSAULTS AFTER MONSOON ENDS IN LATE NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER. BATTALION COMMANDER WHO LED GKR TROOPS IN VAIN ATTEMPT TO RETAKE PAGODA RETURNS TO HOME IN PP AT NIGHT, WILL RETURN TO BATTLEFIELD IN AM TO -TRY AGAIN". PORTER

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